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City of Seattle - University of Washington Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes

Meeting # 131

April 8, 2014

UW Tower

4333 Brooklyn Avenue

Seattle, WA 98105

22nd Floor

Members and Alternates Present

Matt Fox

Jan Arntz

Lionel Job

Barbara Quinn

Ashley Emory

Brett Forsaker

Chris Leman

Betty Swift

Kerry Kahl

Douglas Campbell

Staff and Others Present

Steve Sheppard

Emma Slager

Rebecca Barnes

Josh Kavanaugh

Theresa Doherty

Sam Porter

Caitlyn Clausun

(See sign-in sheet)

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was opened by Matt Fox. Brief introductions followed.

II. Housekeeping – Approval of Agenda

A motion was introduced to approve the previous meeting minutes. The minutes for meetings 128 through 130 were approved without substantive changes.

III. West Campus Development Framework – Rebecca Barnes and Caitlyn Clausun

Rebecca Barnes, University architect, and campus planner, was introduced to discuss the West Campus development framework. Ms. Barnes mentioned that the University recently began looking at the West Campus that covers south of 40th and Campus Parkway, west of 15th, north of Portage Bay and I-5. The area lacks full development and unified character. There has been an interest in looking outside the walls of the University to develop a more collaborative relationship to the surrounding area. As the University makes plans for the next campus master plan,

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it is critical to begin the conversation about the west campus area might look like over the next 20 to 25 years. This process is in its early phases. It is near the end of phase 1 which is informational gathering. This will wrap up in April. Phase 2 will be the development of the scenarios and it will continue throughout mid-summer. A report on both phases will be prepared this fall.

Caitlyn Clausun noted that University staff met with 25-30 different groups to discuss their visions. Common themes were: 1) a desire for collaboration and interaction between University and non-University uses and improved pedestrian circulation; 2) coordinated landscaping and open space; and 3) Improvements to pedestrian and overall circulation. The plan will evaluate a variety of transportation modes and will identify various alternatives for improving circulation and the desired character of open spaces.

The University will come back to CUCAC as the different scenarios are developed.

IV. Discussion of Frequency of CUCAC Meetings

Mr. Fox observed the CUCAC's by laws state that the Committee should meet monthly but that many meetings have been cancelled. The Committee has discussed this numerous times, generally when the University does not have projects to bring to the Committee. He suggested that the Committee needed to formally consider this. After further discussion, it was suggested that this be further discussed at a future meeting but that in the meantime the Committee continue to operate under current arrangements.

V. Animal Care Research Facility-EIS Scoping – Jan Arntz

Jan Arntz informed the Committee that the University will be issuing scoping notices in the next week development of an EIS will follow. Mr. Fox stated that it is important to know when will this Committee be meeting in order for the EIS be discussed and provide comments. Members Agreed.

VI. Update on Transportation Issues – Josh Kavanaugh

Josh Kavanaugh provided an update on transportation issues. Mr. Kavanaugh noted that the University is having a significant dialogue regarding the Metro Transit cuts. Potential transit route changes may present a major problem. Chris Leman noted that this would also effect Eastlake as a number of express buses that will be cut in the Eastlake neighborhood.

King County Metro continually updates and tweaks its proposed transit and provides the best estimates of the Metro route impacts. Based upon this, the University is evaluating contingency plans to ameliorate the impacts of these cuts and will be looking heavily at ride sharing opportunities, park and rides, shuttle availability as the University's response. This evaluation is not yet complete.

Mr. Kavanaugh briefly discussed the Burke-Gilman Trail. The University did not receive the Tiger Grant but was encouraged to re-apply and will be actively looking for letters of support for its 2014 Tiger Grant application. There is a good chance of success but no guarantees. In the meantime work on funded section continues. The bids for Phase 1 (15th to Rainier Vista) will go out next week in order to begin construction in May. An estimated 9 month construction window will take place from January-February 2015. If the Tiger grant is received during that time, it will overlap with the other projects, but it will allow to complete

the entire corridor from 47th NE and all the way to the five corners area prior to the light rail opening in 1Q 2015.

Mr. Cavanaugh noted that a considerable number of trees that were lost in the corridor for safety reasons and to widen the trail in certain sections.

A question was made regarding the bike share stations. Mr. Cavanaugh replied that the University is looking at about 10 bike share stations in the immediate vicinity of the campus.

VIII. Adjournment

No further business being before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned